

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
DISTRICT OF NEVADA

JOHN COSARES,  
Plaintiff,

v.

STATE OF NEVADA, et al.,  
Defendants.

Case No.: 2:23-cv-00889-CDS-BNW

**ORDER**  
(ECF No. 1)

Pro se plaintiff John Cosares, an inmate in the custody of the Nevada Department of Corrections, has submitted a complaint under 42 U.S.C. § 1983 and applied to proceed *in forma pauperis*. (ECF Nos. 3, 1). But the application to proceed *in forma pauperis* is incomplete because **Plaintiff did not include a financial certificate or an inmate trust fund account statement for the previous six-month period with the application.**

The United States District Court for the District of Nevada must collect filing fees from parties initiating civil actions. 28 U.S.C. § 1914(a). The fee for filing a civil-rights action is \$402, which includes the \$350 filing fee and the \$52 administrative fee. *See* 28 U.S.C. § 1914(b). “Any person who is unable to prepay the fees in a civil case may apply to the court for leave to proceed *in forma pauperis*.” Nev. Loc. R. Prac. LSR 1-1. For an inmate to apply for *in forma pauperis* status, the inmate must submit **all three** of the following documents to the Court: (1) a completed **Application to Proceed in Forma Pauperis for Inmate**, which is pages 1–3 of the Court’s approved form, that is properly signed by the inmate twice on page 3; (2) a completed **Financial Certificate**, which is page 4 of the Court’s approved form, that is properly signed by both the inmate and a prison or jail official; and (3) a copy of the **inmate’s prison or jail trust fund account statement for the previous six-month period**. *See* 28 U.S.C. § 1915(a)(1)–(2); Nev. Loc. R. Prac. LSR 1-2. *In forma pauperis* status does not relieve an inmate of his or her obligation to pay the filing fee, it just means that the inmate can pay the fee in installments. *See* 28 U.S.C. § 1915(b).

1 It is therefore ordered that the application to proceed *in forma pauperis* (ECF No. 1-1) is  
2 denied without prejudice.

3 It is further ordered that Plaintiff has **until September 11, 2023** to either pay the full \$402  
4 filing fee or file a new fully complete application to proceed *in forma pauperis* with all three  
5 required documents: (1) a completed application with the inmate's two signatures on page 3, (2) a  
6 completed financial certificate that is signed both by the inmate and the prison or jail official, and  
7 (3) a copy of the inmate's trust fund account statement for the previous six-month period.

8 Plaintiff is cautioned that this action will be subject to dismissal without prejudice if  
9 Plaintiff fails to timely comply with this order. A dismissal without prejudice allows Plaintiff to  
10 refile the case with the Court, under a new case number, when Plaintiff can file a complete  
11 application to proceed *in forma pauperis* or pay the required filing fee.

12 The Clerk of the Court is directed to send Plaintiff John Cosares the approved form  
13 application to proceed *in forma pauperis* for an inmate and instructions for the same.

14 DATED THIS 11th day of July 2023.

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18 UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE  
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